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1. All claims are allowable. However, due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS from the date of the expiration of the previous suspension. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

All of the claims in the instant application are allowable over the prior art of record. However, after consultation with the Interference Practice Specialist (IPS) (See MPEP 2302) at least one of the currently allowable claims has been determined to interfere with at least one claim of a current US Patent; and therefore a Notice of Allowance can not be issued at this time. An extension of the previous suspension is necessary to keep the instant application pending. The examiner has been working with the IPS to finalize the interference referral write-up for acceptance by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (see MPEP 2302). Upon completion of the referral write-up, a form PTO-850 along with detailed explanation of the proposed interference will be issued.

2. Questions regarding the merits of the application should be directed towards the examiner of record, Russell D. Stormer, at 571-272-6687. Questions regarding the general status of the application can be directed towards the examiner of record listed above or Supervisory Patent Examiner for Art Unit 3617, S. Joseph Morano, at 571-272-6684.

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